

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday October 6, 2014

*(Meeting Held at the Richfield Village Town Hall,  
Village Council Chambers)*

### **Call to Order:**

The Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by the board's Chairperson Mr. Ostrowski and Roll Call was taken by Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Bluso Rogers.

### **In Attendance:**

Ms. Kelly Clark  
Mr. Bob Lucas  
Mr. Ralph McNerney  
Mr. Pat Norris  
Mr. Floyd Ostrowski  
Ms. Donna Skoda  
Mr. Bill Taylor (*Not Present*)

Mr. William Hanna, Board Legal Counsel (*Not Present*)

### **Also in attendance:**

Mayor Bobbie Beshara  
Mr. Mike Lyons, Village Councilperson

Mr. Kendrick Chittock, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant

### **Business:**

#### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

The Board dispensed with the formal reading of the minutes.

**MOTION** made by Ms. McNerney and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the September 29, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Not Present)**

**1. Committee Reports:**

**a. Communication Committee**

The Committee thank and congratulated Ms. Corey Ringle and Mrs. Abby Gretter on their superior work for the latest Open House and VIP Honey Tasting. The Akron Beacon Journal had an article regarding the Open House.

**b. Volunteer Resources Committee, Chairperson, Ms. Skoda**

There was no report.

**c. Facilities and Programming Committee, Chairperson, Mr. Lucas**

There will be a meeting on October 13, 2014 but most of the business will be conducted in Executive Session.

**d. Finance & Budget Committee, Chairperson Mr. Norris**

The report was discussed and entered into the record and the balance was not as bleak.

**2. New Business**

None

**3. Unfinished Business:**

None

**4. Comments from the Floor:**

Mr. Jay Dick, 3435 Rusticwood Trail, discussed concerns about the upcoming operation and bond levy. Historical data beginning from the Working Group to present RJRD Board was shared along with the mission by the Board. Some of Mr. Dick's concerns were the transfer of ownership and when the residents will begin to use the land. The Board stated that some of the issues cannot be stated due to the exemption rule of the Open Meetings Act and public use will occur as soon as possible with

passive activities such as hiking. Mr. Dick repeatedly stated his reluctance to vote for these issues without specific plans.

Mrs. Martha Picket, 5124 Black Road, Richfield Township read this statement for the record, *“Regarding Issue 10 & 11, many people agree that the Village and the Township should purchase Camp Hilaka, but no one seems to know what we should do with it.*

*I believe the Cuyahoga Valley Park is now ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation for visitors. Since we are adjacent to the park and halfway between Akron and Cleveland, this would be an ideal location to make the Camp similar to a state park that offers lodging such as cabins around both lakes. You could have fishing, paddle boats and kayaks on the lakes.*

*You could put in a swimming pool like the one in Independence that could also be used by residents.*

*How about a miniature golf course such as you would find in Myrtle Beach?*

*Restore the two homes into museums and give towns and history of its time.*

*Save the hall built in the sixties and use it as a cafeteria or rent it for weddings, etc.*

*Another hall could be used for dances with a stage for karaoke and amateur talents.*

*You could offer horseback riding lessons, put in an outdoor basketball court, and also a volleyball pit. There could also be winter sports.*

*Ideas have to be communicated in advance of the November ballot. Otherwise residents will still be saying the same thing; our taxes will be going up and we still won't know what to do with 370 acres of land.”*

Ms. Lucy Hanigosky provided the informal “postings” of residents’ wishes for the park.

Running and Hiking	10
Camp	5
Picnic	2
Adult Only Camp	1
Zip Line	2
Photography	2
Fishing	1

Bird watching events	1
Dances and Dance Instruction	2
Swimming Pool	3
Kayak & Boating	1
Richfield's Own Yankee Peddler	1
Richfield Township Town Hall	1
Sledding	1
Snow Shoe and Cross Country Skiing	1
Paint, Art and Yoga Activities	1
Outdoor Music Events in Amphitheatre	
Mountain Bike Trails	1
BMX Trails	1
Gymnastics and Trampolines	1
Bed & Breakfast	
Dog Park	2
Horse Riding and Rental Stables	1

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. McNerney to go into Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the purchase of property as per the ORC 121.22(g).

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Not Present)**

Also in attendance at the Executive Session were: Mr. Mike Lyons, Ms. Lynn Richards, Ms. Lucy Hanigosky and Ms. Corey Ringle.

Noted for the record that Ms. Ringle and Ms. Hanigosky left the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Ms. Richards left the Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

**MOTION** made by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mr. Lucas to go out of Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Not Present)**

**5. Action Items and Agenda Items for the Next Regular Meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014:**

There is confusion by residents regarding the issues on the ballot.

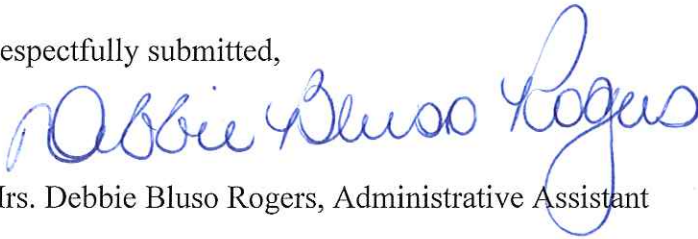
An executive session is planned for October 13, 2014 immediately following Roll Call at 5:30 p.m.

**MOTION** made by Mr. McNerney and seconded by Mr. Norris to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**MOTION PASSED: Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Lucas (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), Mr. Ostrowski (Yea), Ms. Skoda (Yea) and Mr. Taylor (Not Present)**

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrative Assistant



Richfield Joint Recreation District,  
Chairperson

Richfield Joint Recreation District,  
Secretary